

Sonoma Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency Advisory Committee Profiles

Caitlin Cornwall was appointed to represent environmental interests. She is a biologist and Research Program Manager at the Sonoma Ecology Center and served on the Sonoma Valley Groundwater Management Program Basin Advisory Panel and Technical Advisory Committee.

Craig Lichty was appointed by the Valley of the Moon Water District. He owns a home with a well and septic system in Sonoma Valley. A professional Civil Engineer, he is the Executive Director of the Water/Infrastructure Business Group, Kennedy/Jenks Consultants.

Fred Allebach was appointed by the Sonoma County Water Agency. He has a strong interest in sustainability, particularly relating to groundwater. He served on the Sonoma Valley Groundwater Management Program Basin Advisory Panel and Technical Advisory Committee beginning in 2013.

Greg Carr was appointed by the County of Sonoma. He spent his career as a Sonoma County land use planner and was a rural well-owner for thirty years. In addition to other community engagement, he serves on the Sonoma County Planning Commission and the Sonoma Valley Citizens Advisory Commission.

Helge Bruckner was appointed to represent the business community's interests. He is the principal owner of several industrial warehouses, and has long-term experience dealing with water concerns in Sonoma Valley.

Jim Bundschu was appointed by the North Bay Water District. He has farmed vineyards and orchards located in Sonoma Valley for over 45 years. He realizes the importance a sustainable ground water source is to growing quality wine.

Kenneth Johnson was appointed as an at-large community representative. He owns a private well and is a geological engineer for WSP USA. He has over thirty years of experience in groundwater protection, groundwater supply, and large scale production facilities.

Matt Stornetta was appointed to represent agricultural interests in Sonoma Valley. He is a fifth-generation family farmer in Sonoma and works in Sonoma at La Prenda Vineyards Management.

Norman Gilroy was appointed to represent rural residential well-owner interests. He is a part-owner of a small well-dependent farm in the Sonoma Valley basin and served on the Sonoma Valley Groundwater Basin Advisory Panel and Technical Advisory Committee.

Sue Smith was appointed by Sonoma Resource Conservation District. She manages her family ranch in southern Sonoma County, which has mixed agriculture including wine grapes, dry-farmed hay, and grasslands used for grazing cattle. She served on the Board of Directors of the Southern Sonoma Resource Conservation District.

Vicki Hill was appointed as an at-large community representative. She is a rural well-owner and works as a land use planner. She served on the Sonoma Valley Groundwater Management Program Basin Advisory Panel for nine years.

Jane Whitsett was appointed by the City of Sonoma. She is a Principal Consultant at Environmental Resources Management (ERM) with expertise in environmental baselines studies and impact assessment for mineral and oil and gas resource development projects. She has been an environmental scientist for 38 years. Ms. Whitsett is also a Certified Sommelier and has worked at wineries in the Sonoma Valley in recent years.